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SUBJECT: VISIT OF ASTRONAUT DUKE

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1. COL. DUKE WILL BE MET AT ZURICH AIRPORT MAY 5
BY PETER KAPPELER, CHIEF OF PUBLIC RELATIONS DIVISION OF SWISS
WATCH MAKERS FEDERATION AND OMEGA, AND DRIVEN TO HOTEL ELITE
IN BIEL (BIENNE) NEAR BERN. NO FORMAL PROGRAM
PLANNED FOR MAY 5.
2. SWISS HOSTS WOULD LIKE TO HAVE SUBJECT OF COL. DUKE'S REMARKS,
NOW SCHEDULED FOR 4 P.M. ON MAY 6 AT THE UNIVERSITY OF BERN.
SPEECH TO BE FOLLOWED BY PRESS CONFERENCE AND RECEPTION.
3. KAPPELER WOULD BE HAPPY TO TAKE COLONEL DUKE TO ZURICH AIRPORT
MORNING OF MAY 8. HOWEVER, IN VIEW OF PROXIMITY OF STRASBOURG
AND MULHOUSE FROM BIEL AND DIFFICULTY OF ARRANGING ZURICH-
STRASBOURG COMMERCIAL FLIGHT, WE BELIEVE IT MUCH MORE ADVANTAGEOUS
TO DRIVE THERE (APPROXIMATELY TWO AND A HALF HOURS). SWISS HOSTS
WOULD BE DELIGHTED TO DRIVE COLONEL DUKE TO MULHOUSE: IT MIGHT
BE EVEN BETTER TO AVAIL OURSELVES OF STRASBOURG'S OFFER TO HAVE
HIM PICKED UP IN BIEL (REF B) HOWEVER, IF COLONEL DUKE PREFERS,
OMEGA WOULD PROBABLY PUT PRIVATE PLANE AT HIS DISPOSAL FOR BERN-
MULHOUSE OR BERN-STRASBOURG FLIGHT. PLEASE ADVISE.

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